

families can move off welfare into a steady career. We have an interest in educating and training women so that they can get jobs with decent pay to support their families. As a nation, we should embrace the legacy that Jane Addams has left behind by working on these issues which are in desperate need of reform.

In this month of March, let us not only celebrate the accomplishments of the women who have shaped our Nation's rich history, but let us work to keep their vision alive by continuing to sustain the American spirit that these women helped define.

#### CELEBRATING NINETY YEARS OF GIRL SCOUTS

Mrs. CARNAHAN. Madam President, today I commend the Girl Scouts of America on the anniversary of its 90th year of operation.

The objective of the Girl Scouts is "to discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together." Experiences such as field trips, community service, and working with others help them to develop their full potential. These actions are greatly needed in America and an amazing feat when you consider that 99 percent of all adults that participate in leading the Girl Scouts are volunteers. The effects of this organization extend not from one generation but to many, with the oldest active member being 97, and the youngest, the new Brownie, starting out at age 5.

The Girl Scouts is a quintessential American institution that has exported its successful strategy to 140 countries, and a worldwide family of 8.5 million girls. The Girl Scouts participate in cultural exchanges that allow many to gather worldwide experiences that they otherwise would not have been able to attain. There is even a bi-partisan Troop Capitol, made up of Congressional members from both the Senate and House. The women of the Senate have dedicated the book *Nine and Counting* to the girls of America, with some of the proceeds going to the Girl Scouts.

The GSA has spent much of its time teaching young women about professional fields that do not ordinarily attract women. The past year's focus was the field of engineering. The girls not only studied engineering but also had the opportunity for a hands-on approach, thanks to the Society of Women Engineers donating their time. Girls succeed when we set the bar high for them. The Girl Scouts gives them the skills, but more importantly the confidence, to reach these goals and beyond.

We must thank Juliette Gordon Low, who on this day in 1912 founded the Girl Scouts. Her desire and foresight to create an organization for young girls started with 18 girls and a budget that was funded by selling her pearl necklace. It has become one of the most recognized organizations in America.

Though some traditions thankfully remain steadfast, notably the excep-

tional Thin Mint cookies, the GSA has evolved to address the events of the day. From Women's Suffrage to Civil Rights to the environment, this organization has not backed away from taking a stand on the issues. They have an amazing past and a bright future. I am sure they will continue to be a force to be reckoned with, a positive force shaping the lives of tomorrow's leaders. Congratulations to the Girl Scouts and thank you to all those who have contributed their time, energy, and love to making this organization an American success story.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CHEERLEADING SQUAD

• Mr. BUNNING. Madam President, today I have the privilege and honor of sharing with my fellow colleagues the most recent and astounding accomplishment of the University of Kentucky Cheerleading squad. This year the UK Cheerleaders won their eighth straight Universal Cheerleaders Association's, UCA's, National College Cheerleading Championship for NCAA Division 1-A schools. These young men and women deserve our recognition and admiration for their efforts.

The UK squad has now won UCA's National Championship an unprecedented twelve times, in 1985, 1987, 1988, 1992, and 1995–2002, more than any other Division 1-A school. In fact they are the only squad to ever win back to back championships twice and also the only team to win three, four, five, six, seven, and now eight titles in a row. They are widely recognized as the best of the best in the Cheerleading community and have been a key contributor to the University's athletic success. The Wildcat basketball team is arguably the most storied program in the Nation and much of their success can be attributed to the enthusiasm and spirit generated by the Cheerleading squad. For those who have never had the opportunity of seeing a game in Rupp Arena, I can tell you that the atmosphere is absolutely electric.

Besides the attention they receive on the court from the UK students and fans, the Cheerleading squad has also been covered by the national media. The squad has been featured on such programs as, "Evening News," Connie Chung's "Eye to Eye," and the "CBS Morning Show," as well as in "Southern Living," "Gentlemen's Quarterly," "ESPN the Magazine," and "Seventeen" magazines. This recognition does not come without a price however. These young men and women sacrifice a considerable amount of their time and energy practicing, learning, and mastering their extremely difficult routines. This often means long practices and endless hours in the weight room. These young men and women are athletes in every sense of the word.

I applaud the University of Kentucky Cheerleading squad for their commit-

ment and dedication to their goals and dreams. They represent the University and the Commonwealth of Kentucky in a classy and professional manner. I am proud of each and every one of them.●

##### ESSEX FELS CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL

• Mr. CORZINE. Madam President, it is with great pride that I bring to your attention a lovely hamlet in Essex County, NJ, Essex Fells, which is celebrating its centennial year on March 31, 2002. Incorporated as a borough on March 31, 1902, it is governed by an elected body consisting of a mayor and six council members.

Essex Fells is the smallest community in Essex County, covering an area of a little more than 1.3 square miles. However, within the small confines of this bucolic community, Essex Fells maintains many areas for the enjoyment of its residents. The Glen is a green open space that contains native trees, shrubs, vines, and flowers. The Trotter Tract is an 83-acre area that is home to many species of flora and fauna and beautiful nature trails. Each autumn, the brook that runs through Essex Fells is dammed to create a skating pond. Grover Cleveland Park, a county park of approximately 42 acres of lush manicured lawns and large trees, borders Essex Fells and Caldwell, NJ.

Rich in history, the township was established in 1699 by Robert Treat and Jasper Crane and settled by people migrating from Connecticut. A land blessed with rolling farmland and wooded retreats, the acreage was originally named Newark after their home in England—Newark on Trent. Shortly after that, the settlers petitioned the crown for the title to their new homeland. It was granted and in 1701 the settlers purchased an additional 13,500 acres from the Native Americans for \$325,000. Realizing the value of this land, the Crown attempted to rescind the settlers' title and the colonists subsequently revolted earning the area the nickname, "the cockpit of the American Revolution."

In the late 1800s, Anthony J. Drexel, of the Philadelphia banking family, who had successfully developed other residential communities acquired the estate of General William Gould to form a planned residential community. Named for Drexel's son-in-law—John R. Fell and the county, Essex—Essex Fells developed as many turn of the century communities did, as a direct result of the growth of the railroad system. All the same, much care was given to maintain the tranquility and serenity of the original community.

One hundred years later, Essex Fells is still an ideal "small town community." The neighborhoods remain tree-lined and neighbors know each other. Most recently, citizens of Essex Fells were called into service following the horrific attacks on the World Trade Center. Fire Chief Rupert Hauser and